given exemption from age-limit referred to in the Cochin Standing Orders during the year 1106 and the names of those who were refused exemption in 1106 and the reason for doing so in each case?

**Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.**—A statement containing the names of persons who were given exemption is appended (*Appendix III*). Exemption was granted to most of the officers because they were in service before they attained the age of 25; it was granted to others in the interests of service. It was refused only in the case of Midwife P. Thrassia of the Medical Department. She was refused exemption as she was already aged 51.

## Panchayat works undertaken without the knowledge of the Panchayats.

**166. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state a list of works undertaken by the Panchayat Department without the knowledge of the Panchayats and the amounts spent for each item;

(b) a list of works in each Panchayat for which money was paid without the works being approved after completion by the Panchayats and the reasons why the bills are not sent to the Panchayats for approval before payment?

**Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.**—(a) No works are undertaken without the knowledge of the Panchayats.

(b) No such list of works is maintained. The Panchayat rules do not lay down that the works should be approved by the Panchayat before they are paid for. On the other hand they have to be check-measured by the Departmental officers. Works which are executed by or under the supervision of the Panchayats are paid for through those bodies and those that are executed through contract agency are paid for by the Department directly to contractors.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Has the Registrar of Panchayats received any complaints from any Panchayats that certain works were executed without their knowledge?

**Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.**—I want notice.

## Want of allotment under T. A.

**167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were issued in 1106 that tours need not be undertaken by officers for want of travelling allowance in the budget; if so, the names of those who stopped touring on account of the order and how long did they stop;

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